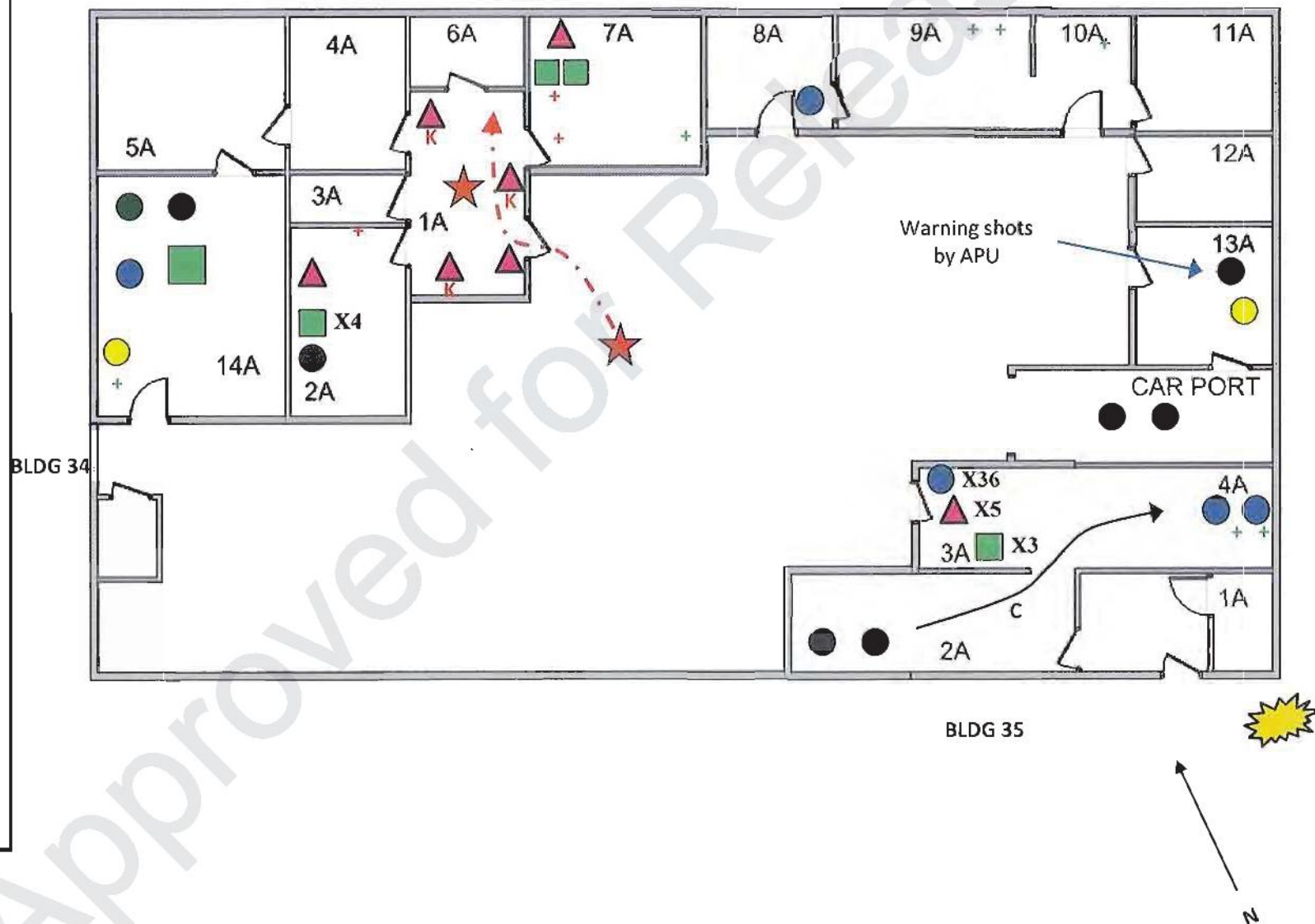


OBJECTIVE DIAGRAM

30 SERIES

LEGEND

(b)(1)1.4a



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Timeline

Executive Summary


The overall classification of this brief is:
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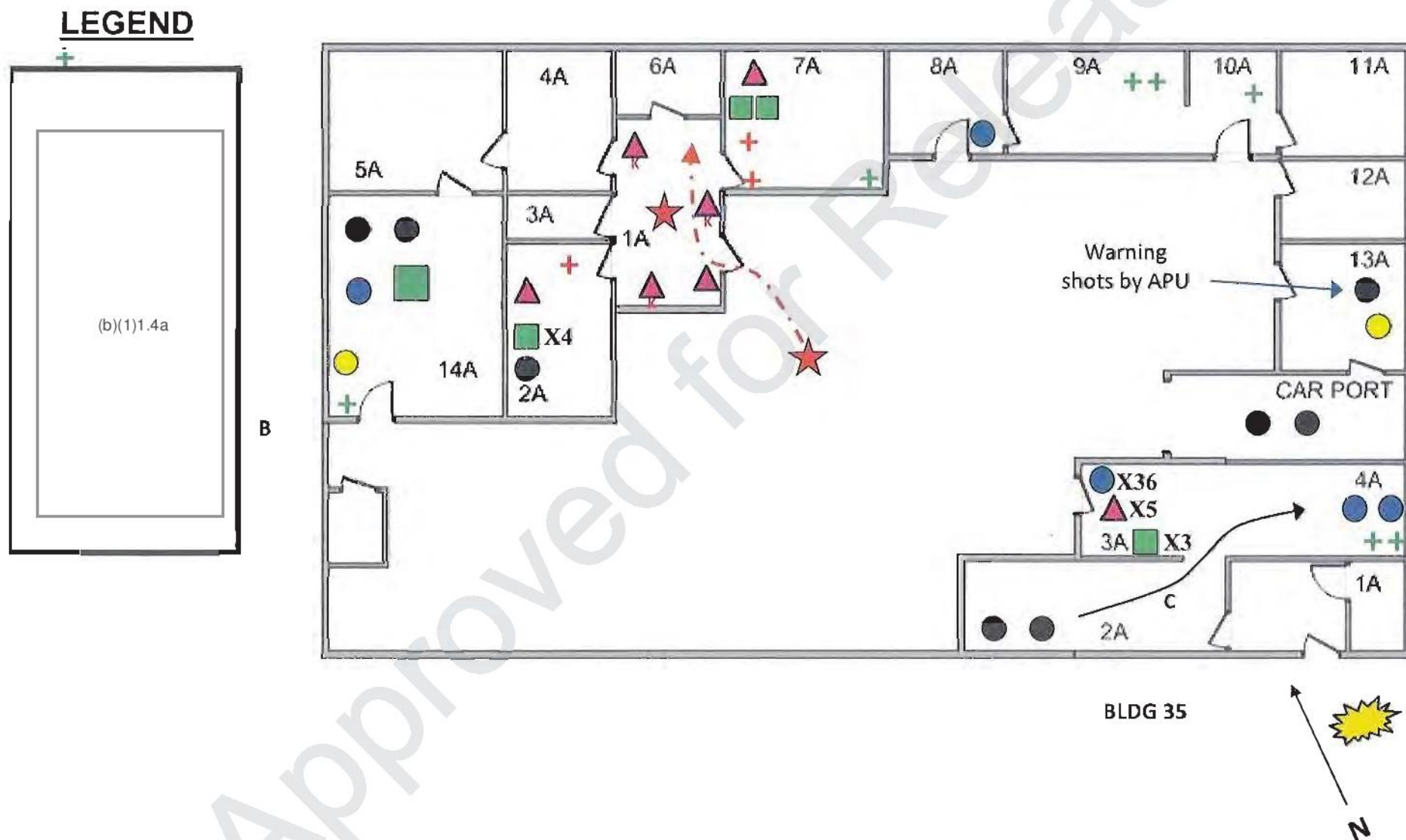
Main Points (1)

- Assault occurred at (b)(1)1.4a 11 February 2010 in Gardez District, Paktiya Province
-  (b)(1)1.4a
- Two Armed males were found on target and killed in the courtyard
- Three women were discovered during clearance of structure (#34)
 - These women were never spotted or engaged during the assault
- The focus of the operation then became determining how the three women had been killed
- Lack of cultural awareness led the Assault Force to conclude these women had been killed by someone else
- Initial inspection of the bodies suggested that they had been dead over several hours

Main Points (2)

- This lead to the false conclusion that the women had been murdered
- Assault Force leadership remained on target, and conducted turnover with the Battle Space Owner and the Afghan Ministry of Interior
- Documentation of the bodies and the room was conducted
- No tampering of the scene was conducted by the Assault forces or Battle Space Owner
- Afghan lead investigation team arrived [(b)(1)1.4a] after the Assault Force had left the area
- It is probable that the family prepared the bodies for funeral in accordance with the local custom
- The time lag may have contributed to dramatically different conclusions between the US and Afghan investigations

Target Compound Schematic / Buildings 34 and 35



Post Assault Timeline (1)

12 FEB 10

- (b)(1)1.4a
- (b)(1)1.4a Non-essential personnel

(b)(1)1.4a

 moved to exfil.

(b)(1)1.4a

Assault Force personnel remained on target in order to conduct Key Leader Engagement with local village elders, local Afghan National Police leadership, the provincial deputy governor and the Battle Space Owner Battalion CDR. Key Leader Engagement receipts were received by the residence's elder.
- (b)(1)1.4a
- (b)(1)1.4a conducts walk through with

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

 before proceeding to draft press release
- (b)(1)1.4a Gen Adel, Chief of Investigation, Dep 505 East Zone is on scene.
- (b)(1)1.4a ISAF conduct

(b)(1)1.4a

 mitigation VTC
- (b)(1)1.4a 2nd ISAF

(b)(1)1.4a

 mitigation VTC

Post Assault Timeline (2)

12 FEB 10

- **0930Z:** Reporter (b)(6) for Dateline releases quotes challenging ISAF release
- (b)(1)1.4a
- **~1500Z:** Assault force Key Leader Engagement **also** included the Battle Space Owner Surgeon who assesses that the females have been dead 8-12 hours. Surgeon makes a medical assessment of the deceased females for the Battle Space Owner's investigation.
- **~0230Z-0530Z:** Shura conducted with village elders, Afghan National Police general, conventional Battle Space Owner, Afghan Partner Unit and (b)(1)1.4a
(b)(1)1.4a Ground Force Commander in which the Assault Force key leaders explained the actions on the objective and the Battle Space Owner Battalion Commander spoke to the key leaders of the Afghan National Police present.
- **1330Z:** IJC and FBI investigators arrive on scene
- **1500Z:** 3rd ISAF (b)(1)1.4a mitigation VTC

Post Assault Timeline (3)

- **11 FEB:** SSE Report from the Assault Force posted
- **12 FEB:** (b)(1)1.4a stating: that pro-Taliban insurgents had executed three women in a house in Gardez in Paktya Province earlier that day and hoped to blame the deaths on the U.S. military. (sensitive source report)
- **12 FEB 1456Z:** (b)(1)1.4a Special Story Board for (b)(1)1.4a ver 2
- **12 FEB 1352Z:** (b)(1)1.4a photos posted to portal
- **12 FEB 1054Z:** (b)(1)1.4a releases special storyboard ver 1
- **12 FEB:** ISAF releases “Joint Forces Operating in Gardez Makes Gruesome Discovery” article
- **12 FEB:** Joint Press Release titled “Afghan-International Security Force are Conducting a Joint Investigation into incident in Pakiya
- **12 FEB 0600Z:** IJC releases initial statement to Minister Atmar from the VTC ISAF/IJC, (b)(1)1.4a conducted at 0600Z in reference to post-ops mitigation from (b)(1)1.4a

Post Assault Timeline (4)

- **12 FEB 0726Z:** (b)(1)1.4a Releases corrected final Story Board
- **12 FEB 0520Z:** (b)(1)1.4a Press Release "Afghan-Combined Force Find Three Women Dead, Kill Two Militants in Paktya"
- **13 FEB:** (b)(1)1.4a appoints Investigating Officer
- **14 FEB:** (b)(1)1.4a photos for release based on LTG Yerman request to view photos taken by the assault force
- **14 FEB:** BG Bowes, leader of the IJC/CJTF-82 Inquiry Team into (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a conducted a conference call with (b)(3), (b)(6) MG Regner, IJC (b)(3), (b)(6) this evening at 1630Z to discuss his initial findings and the state of the inquiry.
- **15 FEB:** BSO receives detainees from (b)(1)1.4a for release
- **15 FEB:** CJTF 82 releases proposed talking points for (b)(1)1.4a
- **15 FEB:** Sworn statements taken from Afghan Partner Unit, Gardez, and (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a members

Post Assault Timeline (5)

- **01 MAR:** (b)(1)1.4a completes 15-6 Investigation
- **01 MAR:** Legal review of the 15-6 completed
- **02 MAR:** (b)(1)1.4a CDR signs Approval of 15-6
- **14 MAR:** ISAF Rejects Cover up Allegations
- **20 MAR:** BG Trembley briefed General McChrystal on the brief that he received from Ministry of Interior Criminal Investigations Division earlier today.
- **23 MAR:** (b)(1)1.4a J3 and JAG meet with General McChrystal , GIRoA MOI lead investigator and BG Trembley. Receive MOI investigation brief.
- **23 MAR:** COMISAF directs IJC to coordinate a shura in Gardez with the following participants: local village elders and family members; GIRoA officials (recommend LtGen Yeoman be one of those); (b)(1)1.4a senior representative(s); and BSO senior representative(s).
- **04 APR:** ISAF releases article "Gardez investigation concludes".
- **05 APR:** UK Times publishes two articles by (b)(6) "U.S. special forces 'tried to cover-up' botched Khataba raid in Afghanistan" and "UN report criticizes covert troops who committed Afghan killings"
- **05 APR:** International media including New York Times, REUTERS, CNN, AFP, Al Jazerra, Pajhwok Afghan News, and Indian Express publish articles stating US Admits to killing women

Assault Force Photographs

(b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

Building 34 Room 1A
Five bodies discovered by APU
During clearance

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Assault Force Photographs

(b)(6)

**Assaulters conducting
a search of the KIAs**

Entrance to Building 34

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

Assault Force Photographs

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

**Assault Force searching for
wounds on Female 1**

Assault Force Photographs

(b)(6)

Building 34 Room 1A
Female 2

(b)(6)

Assault Force Photographs

(b)(6)

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**Building 34 Room 1A
EKIA 1**

Assault Force Photographs

(b)(6)

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**Building 34 Room 1A
EKIA 2**

(b)(1)1.4a

Photographs

**Female 3 with cloth wrapping
head and toes**

(b)(6)

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(b)(1)1.4a

Photographs

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

Afghan men present on the objective

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a

Photographs

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

**Unusual Neck Wound
Female 2**

Questions / Discussion